

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the board of ethics to report on the campaign finance reports filed by justices of the peace and to authorize and direct the legislative auditor to report on the audits of the justice of the peace courts in the state.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Ethics is charged with the duty of ensuring that all elected officials maintain ethical standards in their conduct while serving the public; and

WHEREAS, all elected officials are required to file campaign finance reports with the board of ethics; and

WHEREAS, the legislative auditor is charged with the duty of auditing the financial records of certain offices and political subdivisions of the state; and

WHEREAS, justice of the peace courts are required by R.S. 24:513(J) to provide annual financial reports to the legislative auditor; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the elected justices of the peace comply with the requirement of filing their campaign finance reports with the board of ethics, and it is equally important that the justice of the peace courts file annual financial reports with the legislative auditor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the board of ethics to report on the filings of all elected justices of the peace for the years 2020 through 2025 indicating those elected officials who have and have not filed their campaign finance reports. The report shall be provided to the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than thirty days before the start of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to report on the filings of all justice of the peace courts for the years 2020 through 2025 indicating those courts that have and have not filed an annual financial report as required by R.S. 24:513(J). The report shall be provided to the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than February 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of ethics and the legislative auditor shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to the Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 23:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES